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SUBJECT: EVENTS IN UNITED STATES PROMINENT IN SAINT PATRICK
DAY REPORTING

1. IN ADDITION TO HUMAN INTEREST STORIES SUCH AS NEW YORK AND CHICAGO PARADES, GREEN BEER AND SHAMROCKS, LOCAL MEDIA HAS GIVEN PROMINENCE TO EVENTS AND STATEMENTS OF POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TAKING PLACE IN UNITED STATES AROUND MARCH 17. THESE INCLUDE MEETINGS BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY VANCE AND IRISH FIONA FITZGERALD, SPEECHES OF JOHN HUME OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY, MR. FITZGERALD'S STATEMENTS AFTER MEETINGS, APPEAL BY GOVERNOR CAREY, SENATORS KENNEDY AND MOYNIHAN AND REPRESENTATIVE O'NEILL FOR END TO VIOLENCE, NEWS THAT NORRIS WAS SUING JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THAT SOME 20 CONGRESSMEN LED BY LESTER WOLFF WERE CALLING FOR HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS IN NORTHERN IRELAND. WITH REFERENCE TO LAST POINT SOME NEWSPAPER NOTED FIONA FITZGERALD HAD ATTEMPTED ENSURE THAT LEGITIMATE CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS NOT BE MISUSED AS A MEANS TO POLITICAL ENDS IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

2. ONLY HOSTILE REACTION TO CONUS EVENTS SO FAR HAS BEEN
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THAT OF OFFICIAL UNIONIST LEADER HARRY WEST TO REPORTED "ACCUSATION" BY FIONA FITZGERALD THAT LOYALIST POLITICIANS WERE THE BARRIER TO SECURING A POWER-SHARING ADMINISTRATION. BELFAST NEWS LETTER (LOYALIST/UNIONIST IN LEAD ARTICLE MARCH 18 WELCOMED QUOTE ATTRIBUTED TO SECRETARY VANCE "....REAFFIRMED THE LONG-STANDING U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE OF NORTHERN IRELAND." THE GIST

OF THE ARTICLE WAS THAT STATEMENT "ENDS ANY HOPES BY EXTREMIST
REPUBLICANS ON THIS SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC THAT THE NEW
CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON WILL MEDDLE IN THE AFFAIRS
OF THIS PART OF THE U.K."SPICER

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